

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

GORDON THORNTON,)	
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Petitioner,)	
v.)	Civil Action
)	No. 04-3470-CV-S-RED-H
ROBERT McFADDEN, et al.,)	
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Respondents.)	

ORDER AND JUDGMENT

Pursuant to the governing law and in accordance with Local Rule 72.1 of the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, the petition herein for a writ of habeas corpus was referred to the United States Magistrate for preliminary review under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b).

The United States Magistrate has completed his preliminary review of the petition for a writ of habeas corpus and has submitted to the undersigned a report and recommendation that the petition for a writ of habeas corpus be dismissed without prejudice.

Petitioner has filed exceptions to the report and recommendation of the Magistrate in which he continues to challenge his sentence on the grounds that the sentencing court used facts not admitted by him nor found beyond a reasonable doubt by a jury to enhance his sentence. He contends that, consistent with Blakely v. Washington, 542 U.S. 296 (2004), this type of enhancement violated his Sixth Amendment rights, and that this Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 to address petitioner's claim that his sentence is illegal and unconstitutional.

Having fully reviewed the record de novo, the Court agrees with the Magistrate that the petition should be dismissed on the grounds that it is not properly before this Court. Regardless of

petitioner's assertions, he has failed to establish at this time that the § 2255 remedy is inadequate or ineffective to address his complaints. The Court notes that this dismissal is without prejudice to petitioner's right, if any, to bring a challenge pursuant to United States v. Booker, 543 U.S. 220 (2005), in the sentencing court.

Based on the file and records in this case, it is concluded that the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and proposed actions of the Magistrate are correct and should be approved. It is therefore

ORDERED that petitioner's exceptions filed herein be, and they are hereby, considered and overruled. It is further

ADJUDGED that the petition herein for a writ of habeas corpus be, and it is hereby, dismissed without prejudice.

/s/ Richard E. Dorr
RICHARD E. DORR
United States District Judge

Date: December 19, 2005